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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549 FORM 10-Q

[X] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 1990

OR

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[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SE SECURITIES EXCHANGE	
For the transition period from	to
Commission file number 1-8491	
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(Exact name of registrant as sp	
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Delaware	82-0126240
(State or other jurisdiction of	(I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization)	Identification No.)
6500 Mineral Drive	
Box C-8000	
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	83814-1931
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
208-769-41	00
(Registrant's telephone number	
Securities registered pursuant to Section 1	2(b) of the Act:
	Name of each exchange on
Title of each class	which each class is registered
Common stock, par value 25¢ per share	)
Liquid Yield Option Notes Due 2004	) New York Stock Exchange
Preferred Share Purchase Rights	) Pacific Stock Exchange
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Indicate the number of shares outstand	ing of each of the issuer's classes
of common stock, as of the latest practical	
Class	Outstanding April 30, 1990
Common stock, par value 25¢ per share	27,012,819 shares
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## HECLA MINING COMPANY and WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARIES

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#### FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 1990

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#### PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### HECLA MINING COMPANY and WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS March 31, 1990 and December 31, 1989 (dollars in thousands)

АСОЕЩО	March 31, 1990	December 31, 1989
Current assets:	(Unaudited)	
Current assets:  Cash and cash equivalents Accounts and notes receivable Inventories Investments Other current assets Total current assets Investments Properties, plants and equipment Less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization Other noncurrent assets	\$ 10,051 23,073 14,281 1,253 1,155 49,813 10,303 267,519 (109,312) 7,524	\$ 13,086 17,487 14,486 2,431 1,661 49,151 10,269 262,031 (106,172) 6,919
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Total assets	\$ 225,847	\$ 222,198
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<u>LIABILITIES</u> Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accrued payroll Accrued taxes Deferred income taxes Total current liabilities Deferred revenue Long-term debt Other noncurrent liabilities Total liabilities	\$ 7,390 1,769 2,061 761 11,981 4,021 2,371 66,066 7,666 92,105	\$ 9,853 2,397 1,361 761 14,372 3,742 2,525 64,760 7,563 92,962
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred stock, 25¢ par value, authorized 5,000,000 shares, none issued		
Common stock, 25¢ par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized; issued 1990 - 27,070,151 shares, 1989 - 27,062,101 shares Capital surplus Earnings retained in the business Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities Less common stock reacquired at cost; 1990 - 57,332 shares, 1989 - 54,618 shares Total shareholders' equity	6,768 53,687 74,925 (733) (905) 133,742	6,766 53,600 70,326 (635) (821) 129,236
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 225,847	\$ 222,198
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## HECLA MINING COMPANY and WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)
For the Three-Month Periods Ended March 31, 1990 and 1989
(dollars and shares in thousands, except for per-share amounts)

	Three Mo	onths Ended
	March 31, 1990	March 31, 1989
Sales of products	\$ 31,170	\$ 24,171
Cost of sales and other direct production costs	21,117	16,760
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	3,594	3,628
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Gross profit	6,459	3,783
Other operating expenses:		
General and administrative	1,934	2,021
Exploration	918	2,252
Research		129
Depreciation and amortization	137	111
	2,989	4,513
Earnings (loss) from operations	3,470	(730)
Other income (expense):		
Interest and other income	2,629	268
Other expense	(1)	(1,617)
Gain on sale of investments	215	
Interest expense:		
Total interest cost	(1,414)	(753)
Less amount capitalized	251	376
	1,680	(1,726)
Income (loss) before income taxes	5,150	(2,456)
Income tax provision	551	83
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,599	\$ (2,539)
Net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.17	<u>\$(0.09</u> )
Cash dividends per share	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	ng 27,010	27,004

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## HECLA MINING COMPANY and WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)
For the Three-Month Periods Ended March 31, 1990 and 1989
(dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended		ths Ended
	March	31, 1990	March 31, 1989
Operating activities:			
Net income (loss)	\$	4,599	\$ (2,539)
Noncash items included in net income (loss):			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		3,731	3,739
Gain on disposition of properties, plants			
and equipment		(1,975)	(69)
Exploration expense			589
Deferred tax provision		279	
Interest on long-term debt		1,306	
Gain on sale of investments		(215)	
		7,725	1,720
Change in accounts and notes receivable		(5,586)	(3,348)
Change in inventories		205	(72)
Change in other current assets		506	(470)
Change in accounts payable and accrued expenses		(2,791)	1,545
Change in accrued taxes		700	396
Change in noncurrent liabilities		103	338
Net cash provided by operating activities		862	109
Investing activities:			
Change in investments		(133)	(233)
Additions to properties, plants and equipment		(6,666)	(19,732)
Proceeds from disposition of properties,			
plants and equipment		2,210	186
Proceeds from sale of investments		1,394	
Other, net		(653)	(631)
Net cash applied to investing activities	PAGE STATE	(3,848)	(20,410)
Financing activities:			
Proceeds from bank borrowings			40,000
Repayment of bank borrowings			(17,000)
Reduction in deferred revenue		(54)	(53)
Acquisition of treasury stock		(84)	
Common stock issued under stock option plan		89	
Net cash provided by (applied to)			
financing activities		(49)	22,947
Change in cash and cash equivalents:			
Net increase (decrease) in cash and			
cash equivalents		(3,035)	2,646
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1	13,086	319
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	10,051	\$ 2,965
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Cash paid during period for:			
Interest (net of amount capitalized)	\$	7 7	\$ 377
Income tax payments (refunds), net		34	(1,037)
Noncash financing and investing activity:			
Note payable assumed by purchaser of property		300	- 4

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

#### HECLA MINING COMPANY and WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARIES

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- Note 1. The notes to the financial statements as of December 31, 1989, as set forth in the Company's 1989 Annual Report, substantially apply to the interim financial statements ended March 31, 1990, and are not repeated here.
- Note 2. The financial information given in the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements reflect all normal and recurring adjustments which, in the opinion of management, are necessary to a fair statement for the periods reported. All financial statements presented herein are unaudited. The balance sheet as of December 31, 1989 has been derived from the audited balance sheet.
- Note 3. The components of the income tax provisions for the quarters ended March 31, 1990 and 1989 are as follows:

	1990	1989
Current:		
State income taxes	\$ 42,000	\$ 83,000
Federal income taxes	380,000	
Additional federal income tax provision		
associated with prior years' taxes,		
and interest thereon		322,000
Total current	422,000	405,000
Deferred provision (benefit)	129,000	(322,000)
Total	\$ 551,000	\$ 83,000
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The Company's income tax provision for the first quarter of 1990 varies from the amount that would have been provided by applying the statutory rate to the income (loss) before income taxes due to the use of the alternative minimum tax rate offset by a tax refund on the settlement of an IRS audit. The Company's management believes it has adequately provided for estimated prior years' taxes.

Note 4. Inventories consist of the following (in thousands):

	March 31, 1990	December 31, 1989
Concentrates and metals in transit and other products	\$ 6,337	\$ 6,509
Industrial mineral products	2,436	2,928
Materials and supplies	5,508	5,049
	\$ 14,281	\$ 14,486

Note 5. Various legal actions and claims are pending against the Company and certain of its subsidiaries. The Company has been notified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that it has been designated by the EPA as a potentially responsible party with respect to a superfund priority list site located in the State of Colorado and a second site located in the State of Washington. In October 1989, the Company was notified by the EPA that it was also identified by the EPA as a potentially responsible party at the Bunker Hill superfund site located in northern Idaho. The Company has been named as a third

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party defendant in two separate lawsuits originally brought by the State of Colorado to recover natural resource damages and response costs under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability ACT (CERCLA) at two Colorado mining sites. The Company is also named as one of a number of defendants in a suit brought under CERCLA by the United States Government to recover response costs at one of the sites subject to the State of Colorado litigation. Although the ultimate disposition of these actions is not presently determinable, it is the opinion of the Company's management, based upon the information available at this time, that the outcome of the suits and proceedings mentioned, and other miscellaneous litigation and proceedings now pending, will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries.

On March 29, 1989, the Company negotiated a settlement of the lawsuit brought by private party plaintiffs claiming damages resulting from operations conducted by the Company's predecessor in interest, Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation, at an Arizona mine site. As part of the settlement, the Company paid \$1.6 million to reimburse the plaintiffs for a substantial portion of their costs to construct the current mine water treatment facility located at the mine site, and a substantial portion of the plaintiffs' legal fees and costs incurred in the litigation.

### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

#### Results of Operations

Net income of approximately \$4.6 million was realized in the first quarter of 1990 compared to a net loss of \$2.5 million in the first quarter of 1989. Sales of products increased by \$7.0 million in the first quarter of 1990 compared to the same period of 1989, primarily due to increased gold production at the Republic mine, an increase in the production of silver, lead and zinc, primarily attributable to the Greens Creek mine operating for a full 3-month period in 1990 whereas operations commenced in March in the 1989 period, an increase in the shipments of kaolin from Kentucky-Tennessee Clay Company's Kaolin Division, an increase in shipments of scoria from Colorado Aggregate Company in the first quarter of 1990 compared to the first quarter of 1989, and an increase in the average prices of gold and lead in the first quarter of 1990 as compared to the same period of 1989. These increases were partially offset by decreases in the shipments of ball clay from Kentucky-Tennessee Clay Company's Ball Clay Division and a decrease in the average prices of silver and zinc during the first quarter of 1990 as compared to the first quarter of 1989.

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Cost of sales and other direct production costs increased by \$4.4 million from the 1989 period to the 1990 period, principally as a result of a full quarter's costs of production at the Greens Creek mine and at Kentucky Tennessee Clay Company's kaolin operations and increased costs of production at Colorado Aggregate Company attributable to costs related to the new gravel facility. Depreciation, depletion and amortization remained approximately the same in the first quarter of 1990 as compared to the same period of 1989 at \$3.6 million.

Other operating expenses decreased by \$1.5 million in the 1990 period, primarily due to decreased Canadian exploration expenditures in the first quarter of 1990.

Other income (expense) increased by \$3.4 million, a direct result of the \$1.6 million settlement relating to environmental issues (see footnote 5) in 1989 nonrecurring in 1990 and the gain on sale of the Golden Dome property in Sierra County, California for \$2.0 million in the 1990 period. Partially offsetting these items was an increase in interest expense attributable to borrowings under the LYONs issuance.

The income tax provision in the first quarter of 1990 reflects the expected alternative minimum tax rate applied to taxable income offset by a tax refund on the settlement of an IRS audit which resulted in a lower effective tax rate.

Total gold production increased by 33% to 28,000 ounces in the first quarter of 1990 from 21,000 ounces in the same 1989 period. The Company's share of silver production increased by 23% to 1.6 million ounces in the first quarter of 1990 from 1.3 million ounces in the 1989 period.

Prices for gold and silver have the greatest impact on the Company's sales and net income (loss) from the metals segment. The average gold price increased 3% to \$407 per ounce in the first quarter of 1990 from \$394 in the same 1989 period, but the average silver price decreased 12% to \$5.19 per ounce in the 1990 period from \$5.93 in the 1989 period.

#### Financial Condition and Liquidity

Cash and cash equivalents decreased by approximately \$3.0 million to \$10.1 million on March 31, 1990 from \$13.1 million on December 31, 1989. Operations provided approximately \$0.9 million in net cash in the first quarter of 1990. The major uses of cash were for capital expenditures of \$6.6 million related primarily to the Apex Project, the Republic Accelerated Decline Project, the Greens Creek mine and Colorado Aggregate.

Planned capital expenditures for the remainder of 1990 are expected to be approximately \$12.2 million. These expenditures are expected to be funded through internally generated funds, existing cash equivalents and a \$75 million bank credit line. At March 31, 1990, the Company had no outstanding bank loan balance.

#### HECLA MINING COMPANY and WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARIES

A substantial portion of the Company's revenues are derived from the sale of commodities, the prices of which are subject to worldwide supply and demand. The Company cannot significantly affect the market prices for these products. Prices may change dramatically in short periods of time and such prices have a significant effect on revenues and profits of the Company. The Company has experienced increased costs because of inflation, but the costs of production remain relatively unchanged over the short term although they are generally subject to the same inflationary pressures experienced by the entire economy. In addition, inflation has affected, and will continue to affect, the interest rates paid by the Company, the effect of which on the Company's profitability will vary with the amount of the Company's borrowing at any time. However, the market prices for products produced by the Company have a much greater impact than inflation on the Company's revenues and profitability.

The discovery, development and acquisition of mineral properties are in many instances unpredictable events. Future metal prices, the success of exploration programs and other property transactions can have a significant impact on the need for capital. One of the primary reasons for the maintenance of the bank credit line is to have funds readily available to allow the Company flexibility in structuring mineral acquisitions or ventures. The Company believes it has the flexibility to adjust its activities to cope with changing economic conditions.

#### PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

See Note 5 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on pages 6 and 7 of this report.

#### Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits

First Quarter 1990 Report to Shareholders dated May 4, 1990.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

None

Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Part II are omitted from this report as inapplicable.

#### HECLA MINING COMPANY and WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 7, 1990

By /s/ ARTHUR BROWN
Arthur Brown, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 7, 1990

By /s/ J. T. HEATHERLY
J. T. Heatherly,
Vice President - Controller (Chief Accounting Officer)

## **HECLA MINING COMPANY**

## REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS



For the Quarter Ended March 31, 1990

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## TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS

Hecla earned \$4.6 million, or 17¢ a share, in the first quarter of 1990, compared to a net loss of \$2.5 million, or 9¢ a share, in the same period last year. Sharply increased earnings were primarily a result of a \$2 million gain on the sale of the Golden

Dome property in Sierra County, California, and increased income from the Republic Unit in Washington. Also, last year's first quarter was negatively impacted by a nonrecurring \$1.6 million payment for reclamation costs at the Old Reliable copper mine in Arizona.

Revenue increased to \$34 million in the first quarter of 1990 compared to \$24.4 million in the first quarter of 1989, a 39% improvement. Sales of products increased in every category, with gold sales rising from \$8 million in the first quarter of 1989 to \$10.9 million in the same period this year. Silver sales were \$10.7 million, compared to \$8.1 million in the first quarter of 1989, and industrial minerals sales increased to \$9.5 million in the first quarter of 1990 from \$8 million in the first quarter last year.

The average price of gold fared better during the first quarter of 1990 than it did in 1989, averaging \$407 per ounce compared to \$394 per ounce during the same period last year. However, silver dropped from an average price of \$5.93 in the first quarter of 1989 to \$5.19 in the first quarter of this year, a 12% decrease. Zinc followed suit, decreasing from an average of 87¢ a pound in the first quarter of 1989 to 66¢ a pound in the first quarter of 1990, a 24% decrease. Lead increased from an average of 28¢ a pound in the first quarter of 1989 to 39¢ a pound in 1990.

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## RESULTS IN BRIEF

Hecla Mining Company and wholly owned subsidiaries

(dollars in thousands, except per-share amounts)

#### Total revenue

Net income (loss)

Net income (loss) per share

#### Sales of products

Gold operations

Silver operations

Industrial minerals

Total sales

#### Gross profit (loss)

Gold operations

Silver operations Industrial minerals

Total gross profit

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

Hecla Mining Company and wholly owned subsidiaries

(dollars in thousands)

#### Assets

Current assets:

Inventories

Cash and cash equivalents

Accounts and notes receivable

Investments

Other current assets

Total current assets

Investments

Properties, plants and equipment, net

Other noncurrent assets, net

Total assets

## Liabilities and Shareholders'

## **Equity**

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses

Accrued taxes

Deferred income taxes

Total current liabilities

Deferred income taxes

Deferred revenue

Long-term debt

Other noncurrent liabilities

Total liabilities

Shareholders' equity

Total liabilities and shareholders' equit

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	1990	Quarter 1989
	\$34,014	\$24,439
	\$ 4,599	\$ (2,539)
	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.09)
	\$10,932	\$ 8,057
	10,692	8,110
	9,546	8,004
	\$31,170	\$24,171
	<b>\$ 7,583</b>	\$ 5,071
	(2,026)	(2,411)
	902	1,123
	\$ 6,459	\$ 3,783
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	March 31, 1990	December 31, 1989
	(Unaudited)	
	\$ 10,051	\$ 13,086
	23,073	17,487
	14,281	14,486
	1,253	2,431
	1,155	1,661
	49,813	49,151
	10,303	10,269
	158,207	155,859
	7,524	6,919
	\$225,847	\$222,198
	\$ 9,159	\$ 12,250
	2,061	1,361
	761	761
	11,981	14,372
	4,021	3,742
	2,371	2,525
	66,066	64,760
	7,666	7,563
	92,105	92,962
	133,742	129,236
	\$225,847	\$222,198
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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

Hecla Mining Company and wholly owned subsidiaries

For the Three-Month Periods Ended March 31, 1990, and March 31, 1989 (dollars and shares in thousands, except per-share amounts)

Sales of products

Cost of sales and other direct production costs

Depreciation, depletion and amortization

Gross profit (Note 1)

Other operating expenses:

General and administrative

Exploration

Research

Depreciation and amortization

Earnings (loss) from operations

Other income (expense):

Interest and other income

Other expense

Gain on sale of investments

Interest expense:

Total interest cost

Less amount capitalized

Income (loss) before income taxes

Income tax provision

Net income (loss)

Net income (loss) per share

Cash dividends per share

Weighted average number of common shares outstanding

Note 1: The gross profit for business segments, is as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 1990	March 31, 1989
Metals	\$5,557	\$2,660
Industrial Minerals	902	1,123
Gross profit	\$6,459	\$3,783

	1990	1989
	\$31,170	\$24,171
	21,117	16,760
	3,594	3,628
	24,711	20,388
	6,459	3,783
	1,934	2,021
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	251	376
	1,680	(1,726)
	5,150	(2,456)
	551	83
	\$ 4,599	\$ (2,539)
	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.09)
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<u> </u>	27,010	27,004

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS** OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited) Hecla Mining Company and wholly owned subsidiaries

For the Three-Month Periods Ended Ma	arch 31, 1990 and M	arch 31, 1989
(dollars in thousands)	1990	1989
Operating Activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,599	\$(2,539)
Noncash items included in		
net income (loss)	3,126	4,259
Change in operating		
assets and liabilities	(6,863)	(1,611)
Net cash provided by		
operating activities	862	109
Net cash applied to		_
investing activities	(3,848)	(20,410)
Net cash provided by (applied to)		
financing activities	(49)	22,947
Net increase (decrease) in cash		
and cash equivalents	(3,035)	2,646
Cash and cash equivalents at		
beginning of period	13,086	319
Cash and cash equivalents at		
end of period	\$10,051	\$2,965

#### **Average Metal Prices**

	First Quarter		Full Year
	1990	1989	1989
Gold (dollars/ounce)	407	394	381
Silver (dollars/ounce)	5.19	5.93	5.50
Lead (cents/pound)	39	28	31
Zinc (cents/pound)	66	87	78

#### **Gold and Silver Production**

	First Quarter	
	1990	1989
Gold (ounces)	27,597	20,543
Silver (ounces)	1,594,548	1,309,073



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